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The present application remains suspended due to a potential interference and/or the publication of prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Applicants are requested to file certified translations of the Japanese foreign priority documents within 30 days so that a determination of possible interference or anticipation can be made.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Schwartzman whose telephone number is (703) 308-7307. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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